

Dear DGIF Constituent:

It is important that DGIF continue with its efforts to be responsive to its constituents. The recent license fee increase and the public comments resulting from that process are deserving of further discussion and explanation.

To summarize the comment period on the license fee increase, there were 269 comments received at DGIF plus several dozen comments were sent directly to Board members. Additionally, to insure that the Board was aware of what was being heard, each comment was included in the briefing materials sent to each Board member prior to the June 20, 2006 Board meeting. The comments were not placed into a pro or against category, as many of the comments voiced an opinion, but included either additional support or concerns. A significant number voiced support for Sunday hunting while others communicated a desire for more services, such as more access to public lands to hunt and fish. The Board and the Agency has begun to take actions to insure the issues and concerns identified receive due attention and consideration.

The issue of Sunday hunting is being further considered. The Wildlife and Boat Committee, chaired by Board member Jimmy Hazel, has been tasked with the responsibility of re-examining this issue. A committee meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2006, beginning at 3:00 p.m. at 4000 West Broad Street in Richmond. Public comment will be accepted. Although Sunday hunting is a Legislative matter to be ultimately decided by the General Assembly, it is important that the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries stay updated and in tune with its constituents regarding this issue.

Comments as to DGIF being good stewards of the sportsmen's dollars were a fairly common theme. We are pleased that two recent audits, from the Federal and State levels, were very favorable and gave clear indications that the agency's new policies, procedures, checks and balances regarding spending are in place, are proper, and are working. An internal auditing committee, an independent auditing process, along with accountability at all levels of the agency are being put forth to insure compliance with these policies and procedures. This is part of the process that will insure that DGIF continues to be good stewards of the sportsmen's dollars.

Additionally, reorganization to enhance the agency's public relations efforts has been for the most part accomplished. This effort is intended in a proactive manner to communicate more effectively within all media technologies with DGIF constituents. This letter is a part of that effort.

The above are some of the actions being taken presently at DGIF. As always, should you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact the Director's office or [you can reach us by simply clicking onto this link and send an email](#).

Sincerely,

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Chairman, Board of Game and Inland Fisheries

Sincerely,

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